

HQT Content Knowledge Requirements for Special Education Primary Instruction Assignments by Performance Level (PL)

Special educators who provide primary instruction in one or more of the core content areas (English language arts, math, science, and social studies) to one or more students must meet HQT content knowledge requirements. The definition of primary instruction can be found in *Definitions of Special Education Instructional Arrangements and their Implications for Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) Requirements*.^{*} To be considered HQT for providing special education primary instruction in a core academic content area, the special educator must meet the credit or examination requirements listed below for the **highest present level of performance (PL)** of his or her current students in that core academic content area. Credits and Praxis II testing information are listed on the HQT credits letters sent to special educators by the Vermont Department of Education. For more information about HQT requirements for special educators, see *HQT Licensure & Content Knowledge Requirements for Special Educators*.^{*} There is also a *Worksheet for Determining HQT Status for Special Educators Providing Content Area Primary Instruction*^{*} to assist you in determining HQT status for the assignment.

English	PL K-6	PL 7-9	PL 10-12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 total credits in English language arts/reading AND 6 total credits in math, <i>OR</i> • Praxis II Elementary Education exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 or more credits in English language arts/ reading, <i>OR</i> • Praxis II Middle Grades English exam, <i>OR</i> • Praxis II English exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 or more credits in English language arts/ reading, <i>OR</i> • Praxis II English exam
Math	PL K-6	PL 7-9	PL 10-12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 total credits in English language arts/reading AND 6 total credits in math, <i>OR</i> • Praxis II Elementary Education exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 or more credits in math, <i>OR</i> • Praxis II Middle Grades Mathematics exam, <i>OR</i> • Praxis II Mathematics exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 or more credits in math, <i>OR</i> • Praxis II Mathematics exam
Science	PL K-6	PL 7-9	PL 10-12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 total credits in English language arts/reading AND 6 total credits in math, <i>OR</i> • Praxis II Elementary Education exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 or more credits in science, <i>OR</i> • Praxis II Middle Grades Science exam, <i>OR</i> • Praxis II General Science exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 or more credits in science, <i>OR</i> • Praxis II General Science exam
Social Studies	PL K-6	PL 7-9	PL 10-12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 total credits in English language arts/reading AND 6 total credits in math, <i>OR</i> • Praxis II Elementary Education exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 or more credits in social studies, <i>OR</i> • Praxis II Middle Grades Social Studies, <i>OR</i> • Praxis II Social Studies exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 or more credits in social studies, <i>OR</i> • Praxis II Social Studies exam

^{*} All of these documents are available online at education.vermont.gov/new/html/licensing/hqt.html.